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SUBJECT: MFM WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

REF:

1. DURING OASGA MEETING IN ATLANTA, FACIO AND I DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF COSTA RICA HOSTING THE MFM WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AS SUGGESTED BY BRAZIL AND MEXICO. FACIO INDICATED COSTA RICA WOULD CONSIDER ACTING AS HOST IF NO ONE ELSE WISHED TO DO SO. IN CONSIDERING ADVISABILITY OF THIS AND PUBLIC ATTENTION WHICH WOULD BE ATTRACTED TO COSTA RICA ON THIS SUBJECT (AND, BY IMPLICATION, THE VESCO DIMENSIONS), FACIO SEEMED AMENABLE TO DROPPING GOCR FROM CONSIDERATION.

2. IN THE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOCR REQUESTED BY REFTTEL, YOU SHOULD REFER TO MY CONVERSATION WITH FACIO AND STATE THAT, UPON FURTHER REFLECTION, THE U.S. DECIDED IT HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO OFFER TO HOST THE WORKING GROUP. EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR FACIO'S WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER TAKING ON THIS TASK. RUSH

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